

# CAA News

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## CAA Reunion This Fall

By the time you read this, you should already have sent in your reservation for the big CAA Reunion set for 11:30 a.m. Friday, October 5, in the Garden Room at Andrews Officers Club. It promises to be lots of fun, with no formal program and a delicious buffet. If you change your mind and think you might come, quickly e-mail Ezilda Gortman at [ezilda@erols.com](mailto:ezilda@erols.com) to see if you can squeeze in. (We have to furnish Andrews security with the names of all attendees so they'll let you in the gate.)

## News From Alumni

**Harley Bean** says he and his wife Jo continue to enjoy living in Whispering Pines, NC, as they have for the past 23 years. (Jo worked in Agriculture and Business Divisions.)

**Gerry Post** says he enjoys the *CAA News* so much that he sent in \$10 for 2 years' dues to avoid missing an issue! He still is "snowbirding," spending 6 months in Rockville and 6 months in Florida, and traveling a lot. He'll be traveling with Sol & Estelle Helfand to Australia in October and is looking forward to it, except for the long flight. [Gerry: *We expect a full report in November!*]

**Marshall Moore** sent a note from his home in Salinas, CA, with his dues renewal, saying he enjoys both the newsletter and *Census CounterParts*. He last visited Governments Division, where he worked from 1965 until his retirement in 1995, 2 years ago, but hopes to visit again later this year or early next year.

**Bruce Walter** also sent in his check for 2 years' dues, along with "a special hello to Frank Boucher, Chuck Waite, and Ed Goldfield." He says he is staying busy, writing for the U.N., working as a museum guide at the St. Mary's (MD) historical site, gardening, and loafing. He and his wife Mary travel when Mary can get away from her job at the Bureau.

**Henry Shryock** recently "celebrated" his 89th birthday. He recalled first meeting Newton Booth Knox [see Deaths] in 1950 at a meeting of the

Census of the Americas in Bogotá. Shryock headed the U.S. delegation because Dr. Truesdell (then chief of Population Division) couldn't make it at the last minute, and Henry had a passport. Later, when Henry went on a Caribbean cruise with Anne Frances, the ship stopped in Antigua where the Knoxes were then stationed. Shryock also recalled John Adams [Deaths, May issue], who rented the Shryocks' house while Henry and his wife were in Korca for AID in 1976. He said that Adams was in Bangladesh when Howard Brunsman died there, and be arranged for the body to be shipped home.

**Jean Lewis** says her family is well settled in Morehead City, NC. Their youngest child, Joy, was married in May.

**Merton Lindquist** informed us that his wife, Lenore, passed away earlier this year, and that he since has moved from Texas to Salt Lake City. Our condolences to Merton.

**Don Starsinic** sent in a couple of clippings from the NARFE publication *Retirement Life*. One item shows Don, in his capacity as Central Kentucky Chapter 97 Membership Chair, presenting Honorary Life Memberships to four other members. The other item is about Doris Osborne, who worked for 25 years at the Census Bureau. Doris won two tickets on Delta Airlines to anywhere Delta flies, and she says she and husband Joe will probably use the tickets to go to England or France.

## New Vaccine for Alzheimer's to be Tested

Tests on humans will begin this fall to see if a promising new vaccine can stop and even reverse the effects of Alzheimer's disease.

The vaccine has already been proven safe for humans and somewhat effective on mice. The vaccine tries to get the body's own immune system to develop antibodies to the brain plaque, called beta amyloid, which is seen in large amounts in Alzheimer's patients.

*Source: Knight Ridder News Syndicate*

## DEATHS

**Rex Palmer Lowman, 82**, a former professor of economics and chairman of the Economics Department at Gallaudet University, died May 9 at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital of a blood clot in his lung. Before joining Gallaudet University, he did economics-related work at the Census Bureau, the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and the Brookings Institution. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Christine, two children, a sister, and four grandchildren.

**Elizabeth J. Lewis, 82**, who worked for the Census Bureau for 29 years before retiring as a statistician, died of emphysema May 4 at Greater Southeast Community Hospital. Her marriage to James Lewis ended in divorce. A son died in 1996. Survivors include two sons, nine grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

**Jack Griffen Faucett, 81**, died of congestive heart failure May 24 at his home in Bethesda, MD. He began his decades-long career in 1948 as an economist with the Census Bureau, and later moved to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. He established a consulting firm in 1963. He developed a state-by-state input-output model for the Department of Health and Human Services, and he also conducted studies on public policy development in the areas of transportation and energy. His wife of 32 years, Hilda, died in 1979. Survivors include his wife of 21 years, Helena, four children from his first marriage, and eight grandchildren.

**Maria Davidson, 89**, died June 12 at Sibley Hospital in D.C. after surgery for a broken hip. Dr. Davidson graduated from college in her native Poland before hiding there, a Jew posing as a Catholic, during World War II. She came to the United States in 1947, received a doctorate in sociology from New York University, and joined the federal government in 1964. She worked for the National Institutes of Health and the Social Security Administration before coming to the Census Bureau. She retired from Census in 1982 as a demographic statistician. She left no immediate survivors.

**Edward James** died on June 19 following a long recuperation from major surgery. He lived in a nursing home in Maryland after becoming ill with Alzheimer's Disease. Prior to that illness, he and his wife Katherine lived in Florida. James started in the

Field Division at the Census Bureau in 1948. He left Census and worked at the IRS and OPM for a few years before returning to Census and finishing his career in Population and Agriculture Divisions, retiring in January 1981.

**Newton Booth Knox, 91**, died of pneumonia May 11 at Montgomery General Hospital (MD).

Following World War II, he became an overseas consultant in the Census Bureau's foreign service technical aid division in South America. For 20 years before his retirement in 1971, he worked for AID and its predecessor agencies in Latin America, North Africa, and Vietnam. He lived in Washington and Silver Spring between overseas assignments. Survivors include his wife Estelle, two sons, and four grandchildren.

**William C. ("Bill") Matney, Jr., 76**, died June 13 of respiratory failure following hip replacement surgery at Civista Medical Center in LaPlata, MD. Matney was credited by the Associated Press as being the first black correspondent to work for NBC News, which he joined in 1963. In 1966 he won an Emmy Award for his civil rights coverage. He was a founding editor and consulting editor with "Who's Who Among Black Americans." From 1979 until retiring in 1993, he was a senior public affairs coordinator with the Census Bureau. While at the Bureau, he helped create seminars for the press to acquaint them with the resources of the Census Bureau. He also helped create a seminar for Census employees titled "Communicating in an MTV World," which taught participants how to hold their own as guests on talk shows. Survivors include a daughter from his first marriage, two children from his second marriage, and three grandchildren.

**Martin J. Brennan, Sr., 73**, died of complications related to liver cancer July 19 at Inova Fairfax (VA) hospital. Marty began his career at the Census Bureau in 1950, and his work included managerial positions and helping launch the automation process for retrieving census data. He retired in 1986.

Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Theresa, four sons, a sister, and five grandchildren.

**Jeanne E. Griffith, 51**, died of breast cancer on August 3 in Arlington, VA. In the 1970s and early 1980s she did statistical work at the Census Bureau, at Fairfax County's Office of Research and Statistics, and at the Office of Management and Budget. She was director of the National Science Foundation's science resources studies division from 1996 until

1999. In June she received the Roger Herriot Award for innovation in federal statistics. Survivors include her husband of 16 years, Andrew Orlin, her father, a sister, and a brother.

**Helen Dahne Haas**, 80, died August 4 at Leewood Nursing Home in Springfield, VA. She had Alzheimer's disease. She was a census taker for the Census Bureau from 1973 to 1993. Survivors include three children, a sister, a brother, and four grandchildren.

**Bernard Harris Cranford**, 71, died July 8 at Anne Arundel (MD) Medical Center. He retired from the Census Bureau after 25 years of service. He also spent 8 years as chief financial officer of the St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home in Hyattsville, MD. Survivors include two children, four grandchildren, three sisters, and a brother.

### Con Man Calling

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. The National Fraud Information Center says these are the top 10 telemarketing frauds:

1. Work-at-home schemes. Kits sold with false promises of profits.
2. Prizes/sweepstakes. Phony prize awards requiring payment of fees first.
3. Telephone slamming. Consumers' phone service is switched without their knowledge or consent, often resulting in enormous bills.
4. Advance-fee loans. Empty promises of loans requiring payment of fees in advance.
5. Magazine sales. Fake sales or renewals for magazines that are never received.
6. Telephone cramming. Billing consumers for optional services they never ordered.
7. Credit card offers. Phony promises of credit cards requiring payment of fees in advance.
8. Travel/vacation offers. Offers of free or discounted trips that never materialize.
9. Credit card loss protection. Unnecessary insurance sold using scare tactics or misrepresentation.
10. Investments. Stocks and other investments that don't pan out as promised.

### Heaven Can't Wait

An older couple, married almost 60 years, dies in a car crash. They had been in good health the last 10 years, mainly due to the wife's neurotic interest in

health food.

When they reached the Pearly Gates, St. Peter took them to their mansion, which was decked out with a big screen TV in the living room, a beautiful kitchen, master bath suite, and Jacuzzi. As they "oohed and aahed," the old man inquired, "St. Peter, how much is all this going to cost?"

"It's free," St. Peter replied, "Remember, this is Heaven."

Next they went out back to see the championship golf course the home backed up to. St. Peter said, "You'll have golfing privileges every day, and each week the course changes to a new one representing the great golf courses on Earth." The old man asked, "What are the greens fees?"

"This is Heaven," St. Peter replied. "You play for free."

Next they went to the clubhouse and saw a lavish buffet lunch with the cuisines of the world laid out. "How much to eat?" asked the old man.

"Don't you understand yet?" St. Peter asked. "This is Heaven. Everything's free!"

"Well, where are the low-fat and low-cholesterol foods?" the old man asked timidly.

"That's the best part—you can eat as much as you like of anything, and you never get fat and you never get sick. This is Heaven."

The old man looked at his wife and said, "You and your blasted bran muffins. I could have been here 10 years ago!"

### More Useful Web Sites

The following are all preceded by <http://www>:

**consumerreports.org** - to check on e-commerce sites

**badsoftware.com** - to get your money's worth when buying software

**safeshopping** - to help you shop online

**ftc.gov** - to report fraud or privacy violations

**wealthofchoices.wsj.com** - for lists and descriptions of other valuable Web sites

**mib.com** - to request a copy of your medical file from the Medical Information Bureau

## Frank Boucher, CAA President

*This article continues the series of profiles of CAA board members.*

Francis J. Boucher is currently serving as president of the Census Alumni Association. He retired from the Foreign Trade Division in April 1982 as Assistant Division Chief for Data Processing after 28 years of civilian service and 2 years in the military. He received several Outstanding

Achievement Awards, a Bronze Medal, and a Silver Medal.

Frank joined the Army straight out of high school and spent 11 months in Japan. After his discharge, he joined the Marine Corps Reserve, where his job was to lead a flame thrower squad. Fortunately, his enlistment expired 4 months before the start of the Korean "Police Action."

After a brief stint with a textile firm in Georgia, he used the G.I. Bill to enroll at Bryant College in Providence, RI, graduating after 3 years with a degree in accounting and finance.

During his work at the Bureau, he taught an evening course in automotive maintenance for 10 years, which allowed him to qualify for Social Security benefits later. Since his retirement, he has been involved in a number of activities: treasurer of the Census Credit Union, sergeant at arms of the Northern Calvert Rotary Club, and a member of the Elks, Disabled American Veterans, and Americorps Alumni.

His 11-month involvement with the Americorps Program (a domestic Peace Corps program) came about when the director of the local United Way asked Frank to help set up a computerized database of volunteers. He did that, and also helped set up a youth program funded by a state agency, the Hot Spot Program, and the Department of Juvenile Justice. He's still involved in the latter through the Rotary Club, which has a Boys and Girls Club as its project. In 1998, with an educational grant awarded to those who worked in Americorps, Frank and his wife enrolled in a summer program in France and



went to school with 15 college students.

Frank and his wife, Elaine, live on a 78-acre tree farm in Calvert County, MD, where their only farming activity is harvesting trees every 20 years.

## Dentures While You Wait

This is a personal recommendation, not an advertisement. Several months ago, one of my relatives needed to have dentures made, but she couldn't take the time for several appointments and couldn't afford the quoted price of over \$3,000. I saw an ad for a place in Fairfax, VA, that promised to do repairs while you wait and make new dentures in one day, so I checked it out. It seemed to be clean, modern, and professional.

Bottom line: She went in at 8:00 a.m. for impressions, and returned at 4:00 p.m. the same day for the dentures. She has had no trouble with them, and says they fit perfectly. And the total cost for complete upper and lower dentures was \$980!

I have no connection, either personal or commercial, with this firm, but I'm greatly impressed with their service; if you need this kind of work done and want more details, you can contact me at gmann928@hotmail.com or write to me in care of CAA.

## Control That Cold!

Last year I told you about zinc lozenges (e.g., "Cold-Eze"), which cut the severity and duration of a common cold. Now there's something even better: Zicam. It's a "homeopathic nasal gel" containing zinc.

It works better than the lozenges, and you don't have to suck on it and it doesn't paralyze your taste buds. Start using it when you first feel a cold coming on, and in two days the symptoms will disappear! Of course, I'm no doctor, but it sure works for me.

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Your contributions are encouraged, especially news of yourselves and your families. Please send material to CAA, Box 1480, Suitland, MD 20752.

### Deadlines for submissions:

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| May issue       | Apr. 10 |
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